

House File 72 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting telephone utilities from charging a monthly
2 fee for unlisted telephone numbers requested and maintained by
3 specified individuals.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.1D, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Notwithstanding the presence of
1 4 effective competition, a telephone utility shall not impose a
1 5 fee or additional charge for maintaining an unlisted telephone
1 6 number for designated classifications of persons or
1 7 occupations, including the following:
1 8 a. Officers as defined in section 80F.1, subsection 1.
1 9 b. Judicial branch employees at the state, county, or
1 10 municipal level and any other classification of persons or
1 11 occupations, as identified by the department of public safety,
1 12 in coordination with the board, which serves or protects the
1 13 public and possesses a legitimate need for the protection of
1 14 an unlisted telephone number.

1 15 EXPLANATION
1 16 This bill prohibits telephone utilities from imposing a
1 17 charge or fee for unlisted telephone numbers requested and
1 18 maintained by specified individuals. The individuals include
1 19 an "officer", as defined in Code section 80F.1 as a certified
1 20 law enforcement officer, fire fighter, emergency medical
1 21 technician, corrections officer, detention officer, jailer,
1 22 probation or parole officer, communications officer, or any
1 23 other law enforcement officer certified by the Iowa law
1 24 enforcement academy and employed by a municipality, county, or
1 25 state agency.

1 26 The bill also extends the prohibition to judicial branch
1 27 employees at the state, county, and municipal level, and any
1 28 other classification or occupation, as identified by the
1 29 department of public safety by rule in coordination with the
1 30 Iowa utilities board, which serves or protects the public and
1 31 possesses a legitimate need for the protection of an unlisted
1 32 telephone number.

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